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Title: Need to give authority to Gram Sabha for identification and selection of beneficiaries under Pradhan Mantri Grameen Awas Yojana.

SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN (KOLLAM): Madam Speaker, my *Zero Hour* submission is in respect of rural housing scheme under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

On 7th April, 2016, the Ministry of Rural Development had issued the guidelines *vide* No. J-11014/1/2014-RH curtailing the powers of the Gram Sabhas to identify and select the beneficiaries under PMAY(G). The Government directed to identify the beneficiaries using the Socio Economic Caste Census of 2011. There are lots of complaints regarding the criteria fixed, mode of conducting survey and finalizing of lists under SECC, 2011.

Madam, further the unit cost fixed under the project is Rs. 1,30,000. Considering the cost of materials and labour charge in Kerala, it is difficult to build a house with this meager amount. It is difficult to complete a building using the share including the Central share. So, it is essential to give a minimum of Rs. 3 lakh as the Central share for implementation of the housing scheme.

Hence, I would urge upon the Government to withdraw the guidelines of 7th April, 2014 and give the power of identification and selection of beneficiaries for PMAY(G) to the Gram Sabhas. I would also request the Government to increase the Central unit share to a minimum of Rs. 3 lakh. Thank you

HON. SPEAKER: Shri Rabindra Kumar Jena, Shri M.I. Shanavas, and Shri Mullappally Ramachandran are permitted to associate with the issue raised by Shri N.K. Premachandran.